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Title: RADIATION AND MELT TREATED ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR  
WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2009 (Paper No. 20090702).

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.